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REMARKS

Applicants request amendment and reconsideration of the application.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-8, 13, 15-18 and 22 contain allowable subject matter.

Applicants have requested amendment of paragraph [0015] of the specification to correct a typographical matter.

Claims 9-12, 14 and 19-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Murdock et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,010,174.

Murdock '174 discloses a sliding visor including a torque control 32 (Fig. 2) made of bent metal that is attached to an H-shaped molded plastic guide 34 via fasteners such as rivets.

In contrast to the two piece arrangement of Murdock '174, claim 9, as amended, recites that the torque control member is one piece metal, and rotatably engages detents of the elbow member. Applicants submit that substantial modification of Murdock '174 would be required to provide the one piece metal torque control arrangement of claim 9, and the reference itself does not teach such modification.

Claim 10 depends from claim 9, and has been amended to recite that the torque control is made from a metal sheet having substantially uniform thickness. Murdock '174 teaches a two piece assembly including an H-shaped guide 34 that is shaped to fit in slot 74 (Fig. 3) of slide track 84. Thus, Murdock '174 does not disclose or suggest a one piece sheet metal torque control as recited in amended claim 10.

Dependent claim 12 has been amended to clarify that the elongated portion of the elbow includes at least one indentation forming the at least one detent of claim 9.

Independent claim 19 has been amended to recite a one piece torque control member formed from a thin sheet of material having substantially uniform thickness. Claim 19 has also been amended to clarify the engagement of the torque control with the slot. Murdock '174 teaches a two piece assembly made of dissimilar materials, and is therefore not believed to disclose or suggest a one piece sheet metal torque control that engages a slot in the body member of a visor.

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Applicants have made a concerted effort to place the present application in condition for allowance, and a notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. In the event there are any remaining informalities, the courtesy of a telephone call to the undersigned attorney would be appreciated.

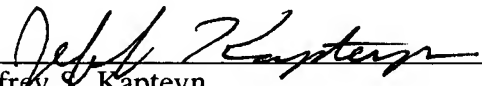
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